



20 March 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Coronavirus update

As you can imagine we have been working very hard to help clarify the way ahead as best as we can. My thanks to you all for your support and for keeping us up to date with your plans. We know that the coming months will be unsettling and as a school we take our role of supporting all of our families very seriously, so although your child may not be in school we are still here at the end of a phone or email, please use us if you need us!

We are all unsure as to the length of these arrangements and should this go on into the Summer holidays then we find ourselves in a very odd predicament of saying farewell to Year 6's way before their time. We are hoping that restrictions will be lifted before the end of the summer and of course we will look to use anytime we have back with them to create some of the memories we had hoped. We are fully committed to the Year 6 Leavers Party, if this cannot take place in July then we will schedule a date for early September. The Year 6's have been measured for their end of year hoodies and those children who are not in school have been sized and ordered based on who has been in school of a similar size!! We have gone larger on many to ensure that we can get it right for them all! My thanks to the PTA for their support on this and on all their work throughout the year. On a positive note- it will give us plenty of time to prepare the Ringwood Carnival!!

For those families who will be continuing with us through the Keyworker criteria then today I will be writing to you separately with arrangements and timetables.

For those families who are Pupil Premium the school will be putting on a lunch collection service, you will be able to come to school at 12.30 each day to collect either a picnic bag or if you would like a hot school meal then this will be served in an insulated container for you. Details of how to order for the coming week will be sent out to you today. The school also holds Foodbank vouchers, so please do contact us if we can help with this.

As many of you are also feeling, these circumstances are all very surreal and how we are coping and feeling about things will change as we go on. I know many of you are in the impossible situation of trying to manage jobs, income and the unknown, something none of us would ever have wished for. Please know that we will be here to help and signpost in whatever we can, now is the time that we should check in on each other, show that kindness and thoughtfulness and come together as one community and nation.

The children in school will be undertaking some community project work so if you have links and suggestions of who might need some cheerful messages from us, some homemade cakes or a garden where we can stand and sing to local care home residents then please do let us know.

Once again I would like to just thank the amazing staff team for their adaptability and willingness to rise to the challenge, their dedication and calmness has been superb. I really feel this approach is helping to settle what has been some really thoughtful questions asked by the children.

I wish you all the very best in the coming weeks and months and I will be working hard to ensure that when your child returns we are more than ready to have them back and ready to pick up on the learning and emotional support that they will need adjusting back!

Yours sincerely



Mrs Jo Walker

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